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Letter To The Editor

February 25, 1974

Mr. Lloyd Vaughan, Editor
The Times-Virginian
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Dear Mr. Vaughan:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the V.T.A. news release issued on the fourth of February for immediate release, and a letter of my own "to the editor." The President of V.T.A. has verified with me that your paper, plus many others have received this release after each meeting for almost a year and printed twice by your paper, only after I personally brought it in.

Now, I'm not telling you that you've got to print this release, but if you will just stop and ask yourself this question. Who do you see or know that cares and are doing something to help us, the taxpapers, whose hard-earned money is being wasted and used for things that are strictly unconstitutional and ungodly. Our governmental officials do not care nor is the situation going to better itself, unless the people get involved. The V.T.A. and other groups are trying just that, but you've got to realize that the mass media is being controlled and only the small uncontrolled papers such as yours can get the truth printed so the people can reach it. If things don't change, yours will be under government control in the near future. Think about that.

You hold a valuable asset to our liberty, because the facts I've discovered did not come by accepting what the government and mass media reveals, but from small concerns who are afraid of printing the truth. I think it was Thomas Jefferson who said "I would rather have newspapers without government, than government without newspapers." Our liberty is at stake and the attack upon it will not go away by wishing or being a middle of the road bystander.

Believe me, it is worse than you think. Look around you? Did you ever think you would live to see the things that are taking place in America, the land of the free.

I read and appreciate having a local paper and if you do not care to print either of the enclosures, that's your business, for I know that ads pay for the free material printed and I am not against a man making a profit. If there is some problem or misunderstanding about the matter, please contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Clyde T. Mayberry

P.S. All levels of our government are taking our money and rights, and even the lives of our ounborn aren't protected under our constitutions anymore. You may say that it's not that bad, not yet, but if you will read the enclosure on abortion and a book that I will leave at your office, you will find the definition of freedom no longer applies to this nation. As for me, I can no longer set aside and watch the slow destruction of our way of life by greedy, ungodly, wicked men, who have evil designs in store for us and our posterity.

Enclosures:
Hanbook on Abortion
Abortion-is it murder?
Did Christ abolish capital punishment.
Sad but true. This is something that I passed on to the Lynchburg Taxpayers League
The Mayflower Compact.
Revival and Survival Bulletin from the Christian Heritage Center.
V.T.A. press release
Forum letter to the editor.

All this is donated to you for your enlightment and possible use.

[Editor's note: A copy of the Virginia Taxpayers Association, referred to above, can be found on another page of this issue of the paper.]

February 25, 1974
Letter to the Forum:

This is addressed to those who are concerned about returning our country to a Constitutional Government. The only thing left is hope, that it ever will be accomplished, for the Executive, Judicial and Legislative branches of our government, from the local, to the Federal level, have ignored our Constitutional rights to Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness. Thus our State and U.S. Constitution have been come as so much paper, worth only as much as the paper they are written on. The tyranny our founding fathers experienced under King George III will seem like a Sunday picnic compared to the tyranny, suppresion and harrasment we are now and will experience later. If our founding fathers thought taxation without representation was bad, what would they think of today's taxation with representation. Yet, the American people deserve exactly what we're getting, for we have laid down on the job of protecting our liberty, "for eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," which we nave not paid. I fear that when the American people get their heads up out of the sands of good times, partying, lust and plain laziness in preserving our liberty, it may be too late. The only standard in this life has been moved, which is the Word of God, thus leaving us with humanistic laws of the state. Therefore statism, which is the worship of the state, becomes god. May the God of all Grace show His power in raising up men with the ability to turn the tide, for it seems the American people have lost the will to be free.

Clyde T. Mayberry
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The Pastor Speaks

THE HOUSE OF MANY LIGHTS

When the sun has set, and darkness has fallen, the lamps are lighted in quaint white houses of a little village in southern Europe. There is darkness only in the grey stone church that stands on the summitt of a hill over looking the town. This church is called the "House of Many Lamps."

Legend says that this House of Many Lamps was built in the sixteenth century by an old Duke. The Duke decided to build a church so beautiful that man would worship as soon as he entered, because it would draw him to God.

At last the day came when all was finished. The Duke took his daughter to see the church. She admired the simple lines, the carving, and the stained glass windows. "But, Father," she asked, "where are the lamps to hang?

"There will be no hanging lamps, my daughter," he replied. "Each worshipper will carry his own lamp. I have provided small bronze lamps, one for every person in the village, up to the number the church will hold."

Then he added slowly, "Some corner of God's house will be dark and lonely, if all His sons and daughters do not come to worship Him at the appointed time."

And these words were carved in the stone over the doorway:

Stone corner of God's House
Will be dark and lonely, if
All His sons and daughters
Do not come and worship
Him at the appointed time.

The years have passed. The bronze lamps have been handed down from father to son, and carefully treasured. When the sweet-toned bell of the old church rings, the villagers wind their way up the hill, each carrying his own lamp.

They say the church is always filled, for no family wants its corner to be dark and gloomy.

—Author Unknown

The Rev. H. E. Riley, Jr.
Pastor, Memorial U. M. Church

The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, March 3, 1974.

Topic: The Church Empowered.

Scripture: Acts 1-2.

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. Acts. 1:8.

Quite appropriately this quarter's Sunday School lessons in the International Uniform Series on the growth of the Christian Church are introduced by a study of the source of the Church's power, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit and the Church are inseparable: if the Church is viewed as a body, the Spirit provides life for the body; seen from another aspect, the Church is the agency through which the Spirit operates.

This relationship of the Holy Spirit and the Church continues the relationship of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus at His baptism. From that time, the Spirit was united with Christ. This union continues with the Church, the continuing body of Christ in the world.

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with His disciples when He left them. John refers to that promise in the words of Jesus at a Feast of TAbernacles (John 7:37-39) and plainly records the promise in the dialogue (which became discourse) after the Passover supper (John 15: 18-6:15). The promise was repeated, according to Luke's account in The Acts, at the Ascension and was realized, some 10 days later, when the company of believers was assembled in Jerusalem. (Acts 2: 1-4).

The disciples' use of the gift of tongues was their first recorded activity to attract public attention in Jerusalem, and it did so particularly among the multitudes who had come from other countries to observe the feast. In view of the current widespread interest in speaking in tongues, it should be remembered that the disciples, in preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, spoken in languages which were used by people. The Holy Spirit enabled them to speak in languages they had not learned, but to speak intelligibly and understandably to people who knew the languages. This use of this gift of the Spirit is to be contrasted with the use among Corinthian Christians to which Paul refers, when what was spoken had to be interpreted to the hearers, who did not understand either the sounds or the meaning.

The preaching of the apostles at Pentecost provides convincing testimony to the power of the Holy Spirit. Only seven weeks before, their Teacher had been crucified. Now His followers were boldly and publicly preaching His resurrection and His lordship and were calling upon their hearers to believe in Him for their salvation. What a striking contrast! And what a contrast between a fearful and scattered band of followers then and a company of seemingly fearless preachers now! The explanation is to be found in the coming upon them of the Holy Spirit.

Peter explained what to the crowds was a phenomenon which amazed some and provoked others to ridicule as the fulfillment of a prophecy of Joel, who foresaw the time when God would give His Holy Spirit to all as a continuing presence in their lives. As the Old Testament records the activity of the Holy Spirit, He worked selectively, for example in inspiring prophets, and often intermittently, for only a particular message or responsibility. A prophet who had experienced a visitation from the Holy Spirit could well appreciate the blessing and benefit of His continued presence and indwelling in the lives of all people.

The Holy Spirit is the central figure and principal character in the book of The Acts. His power and inspiration in the lives and work of the early believers are vividly recorded. The first Christians constituted the Church in the power and counsel of the Holy Spirit. The inspiration of the Sp... New Testament wri... than the Gospels, w... the work and te... Jesus, valid so... Christian doctrine a... The Holy Spirit pr... power for the Chur... on its work, in... courage which e... lievers to do God's... world, and enlig... minds of believers... truths and insight.

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HEAVEN

In Revelation 21 and 22 we have a description given of Heaven but we cannot fully understand it. We know nothing of streets of pure gold. Eye hath not seen, neither has ear heard, nor has it entered into the imagination of the heart of man the things that God has prepared for them that love Him. I know nothing of such a pure stream that flows from the throne of God. These glorious things are difficult for me to comprehend. I can understand and explain Heaven best by the things that will be absent; for these are things that I am familiar with. We find according to the scripture that God shall wipe away all tears; now I am famniliar with tears and Heaven is a place where there will be no tears. Heaven is a place where there shall be no more death. We are familiar, somewhat, with death as it has robbed us of loved ones. I know fully well what sorrow is and what crying is and the Bible says that in Heaven there shall be no sorrow and no more crying. Heaven shall be a place where there will be no more pain "for the former things are passed away," and we all know what pain is. Also, Heaven thrills me because in Heaven there shall be no more sin. Sometimes I cry out with Paul of old, "O, wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from this body of death." One of the grandest features of Heaven will be that we will have no more sin, but we shall stand "dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne." We look forward to Heaven mostly, however, because there we shall be continually with Jesus Christ, and "where Jesus is 'tis Heaven to me."

Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
Bible Baptist Church
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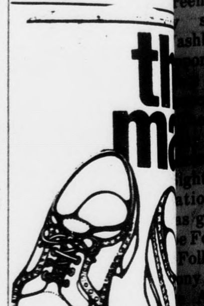

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Jr. FFA Chapter Met February 21st

The Appomattox Jr. Chapter FFA conferred the Degree of Greenhand upon eighty-five of new members Thursday night, February 21 at the Appomattox Intermediate School auditorium. Approximately 250 parents, members and guests attended the meeting.

The program began at 7:30 p.m. with devotions by Kenneth Davis, Chaplain, followed by the official opening ceremony presented, Tony Snell, Vice President; William Perrow, Secretary; Bill Shorter, Treasurer, Richard Blazer, substitute reporter, Joe Ford, Sentinel; Bud Moses, substitute.

Tony Snell welcomed the parents attending.

An explanation of the Greenhand Degree was given by special guest, Brent Washburn, President of the Appomattox Senior F.F.A. and Reporter of the Virginia Association of F.F.A.

The official invitation ceremony was presented by the ... A slide presentation, Sights and Sounds of the 46th National FFA Convention," was given by Bill Shorter and Joe Ford.

Following the closing ceremony open house was held in the Agriculture Building and refreshments were served.

The following candidates were conferred with the Degree of Greenhand in the Future Farmers of America.

Candidates for Greenhand Degree, Terry Almond, Bruce Austin, Stanley Austin, Bobby Baldwin, Gene Baldwin, John Bailey, Teray Bailey, Michael Blazer, Gerald Booker, James Bryant, Landon Bryant, Timmy Bryant, James Burks, Donald Carrico, Harry Carter, Robert Carter, William Christian, William Clark, Timmy Clements, Willie Cyrus, Donald Davis, Kevin Dews, Barry Doss, Steve Doss, Robert Dyess, Bud Elder, Sheldon Everly, David Eye, Charles Ferguson, Jay Franklin, Tommy Goode, David Griffin, Don Guill, Richard Guill, Kenny Gunter, Robert Hamilton, Richard Hamlett, Bobby Harris, R. L. Harris, Terry Harris, William Harris, Don Harvey, Robert Hixs, Duane Hogan, Kenneth Holt, John Hudson, Ricky Jennings, Anthony Johnson, Darrell Johnson, David Johnson, Kelvin Jones, Michael Kelso, Mark Krajewski, Ricky Targent, Rodney Lawson, Louis Mayberry, Levi McCoy, Raymond McFadden, Peter Meadows, Paul Mitchell, Steve Mitchell, Robin Moore, Tommy Moore, Mike Musick, Randy Page, James Paulette, Richard Phelps, Ronnie Preston, Robert Pugh, Ronnie Richardson, David Robertson, Sam Robinson, John Rothgeb, Donald Scruggs, Phillip Seay, Scott Shelton, Bobby Smith, Tommy Stanley, Gary Tanner, Joe Tolbert, Kenneth Tolbert, Randal Tomlin, Keith Tweedy, Andy Wingfield and Michael Wooten.

Joe Ford, Reporter

Birthdays

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...Crump	March 3
...Nash	March 4
...tine Dickerson	March 6
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Miss Black Teenage State Pageant Set

DANVILLE Pageant Unlimited Inc., of Danville the non-profit organization producing the 1974 Miss Black Teenage World of Virginia Pageant have indications from around the State the 1974 Pageant will be the biggest in its four year history. Some 40 areas throughout the State will send contestants to represent their City or County to compete for the Title. The winning contestant will represent the State of Virginia in the Miss Black Teenage World Pageant. This year's State Pageant will be held in Lynchburg, Virginia and is open to females 15 to 17 years old. Competition is held in Sportswear, Eveningwear - Projection and each contestant presents a three minute talent presentation. Prizes are awarded the winning contestants with Special Awards giving to the most outstanding Talent Presentation and the young lady selected Miss Together. All competing contestants receive trophies and the Miss Black Teenage World Certificate of Merit. Any teenager 15 to 17 may enter the Pageant either as one of the Official Preliminary Pageants or as an At - Large - Contestant. Persons interested should write Pageants Unlimited Inc., World Headquarters, P. O. Box 1139, Danville, Virginia 24541

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Travel Industry

Travel in Virginia showed a slight increase for 1973 as compared to the previous year, even though December's totals were down substantially. The figures were compiled by the Travel Barameter, a service of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

Richard S. Gillis, Jr., executive director of the Virginia State Chamber says "reports we received blame not only the energy crisis, but bad December weather for the dramatic downturn in December of 1973."

The average for the 47 stations reporting to the Barometer for December 1973 was down 13.9% compared to the same month in 1972. "Of course, like any average," Gillis said, "There were gainers as well as losers in the sample. Several travel attractions which added new events and programs to their December schedule had their best months ever." Woodrow Wilson Birthplace in Staunton, for instance, quadrupled its December attendance on the basis of one new event alone.

The year closed 2.9% higher for Virginia's second largest industry, topping the magic one billion dollar mark.

"With the addition of new facilities such as Lion County Safari and King's Dominion in Ashland, and the Busch Gardens Hospital City Center in Williamsburg, coupled with the new programs being worked out to combat the energy crunch, 1974 can be a very exciting year," said Chamber executive director Gillis. "Virginians have always been able to show their true colors when the chips are down," he said, "And our travel industry is no exception. They have committed themselves to developing markets within the state, and from those nearby, to their fullest potential. With all that Virginia has to offer, I'm sure that we can get the travel message across to the 35 million Americans who live less than a tankful of gas away from the Commonwealth."

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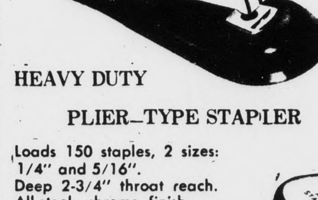

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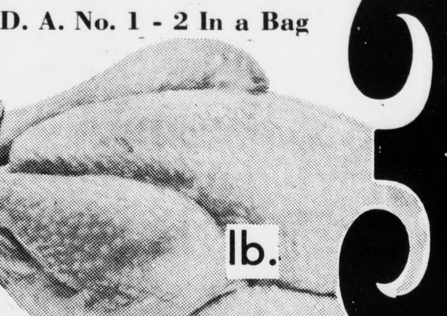

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